January 15

Ephesians 2:8,9

"Grace & Faith-Saved"

[8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast. (AKJV, 1666/1769)

This passage should be a major part of every Believer's arsenal of memory verses and constant reminders.

Understanding these two verses will get and keep many out of so much doctrinal error! Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 8 and 9 should be recited even more frequently than preschoolers and kindergarteners practice the letters of the alphabet.

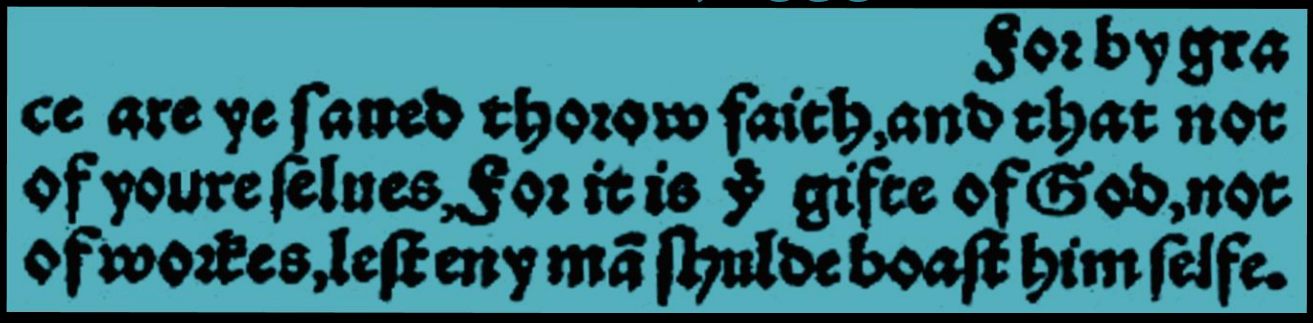
Each aspect of these verses should be deeply planted and sewn within the warp and weft of the souls of every Believer.

Matthew's Bible, 1537

For by grace are
ye made safe thorowe fayth/and that not of
youre selues. For it is the gyfte of God/and
commeth not of workes/lest eny man shulde
boost hym selfe.

*For by grace are ye made safe through faith, and that not of yourselves. **For it** is the gift of God, and commeth not of works, lest any man should boast himself.*

Coverdale, 1535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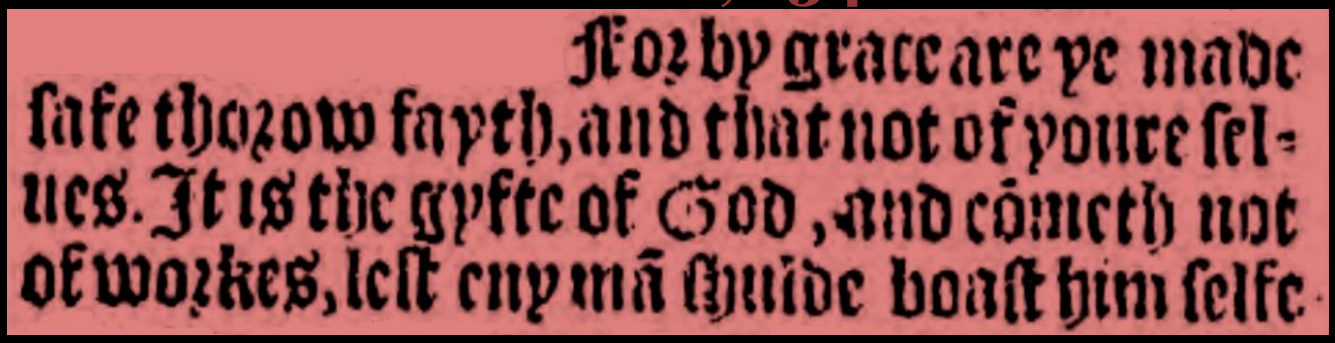
Great Bible, 1540


For by grace are ye made safe thorow fayth, and that not of youre selues. It is the gyfte of God, and cōmeth not of workes, lest eny mā (muste) boast him selfe.

For by grace are ye made safe through faith, and that not of yourselves. **It** is the gift of God, and commeth not of works, lest any man should boast himself.

Salvation results from God's grace. This unearned favor and one's faith **connect**.

Salvation is "not of yourselves". That means you did not and can never earn it in any way.

It is the **GIFT** of God.

As plainly as Ephesians 2:8,9 make it, some still dispute whether or not salvation

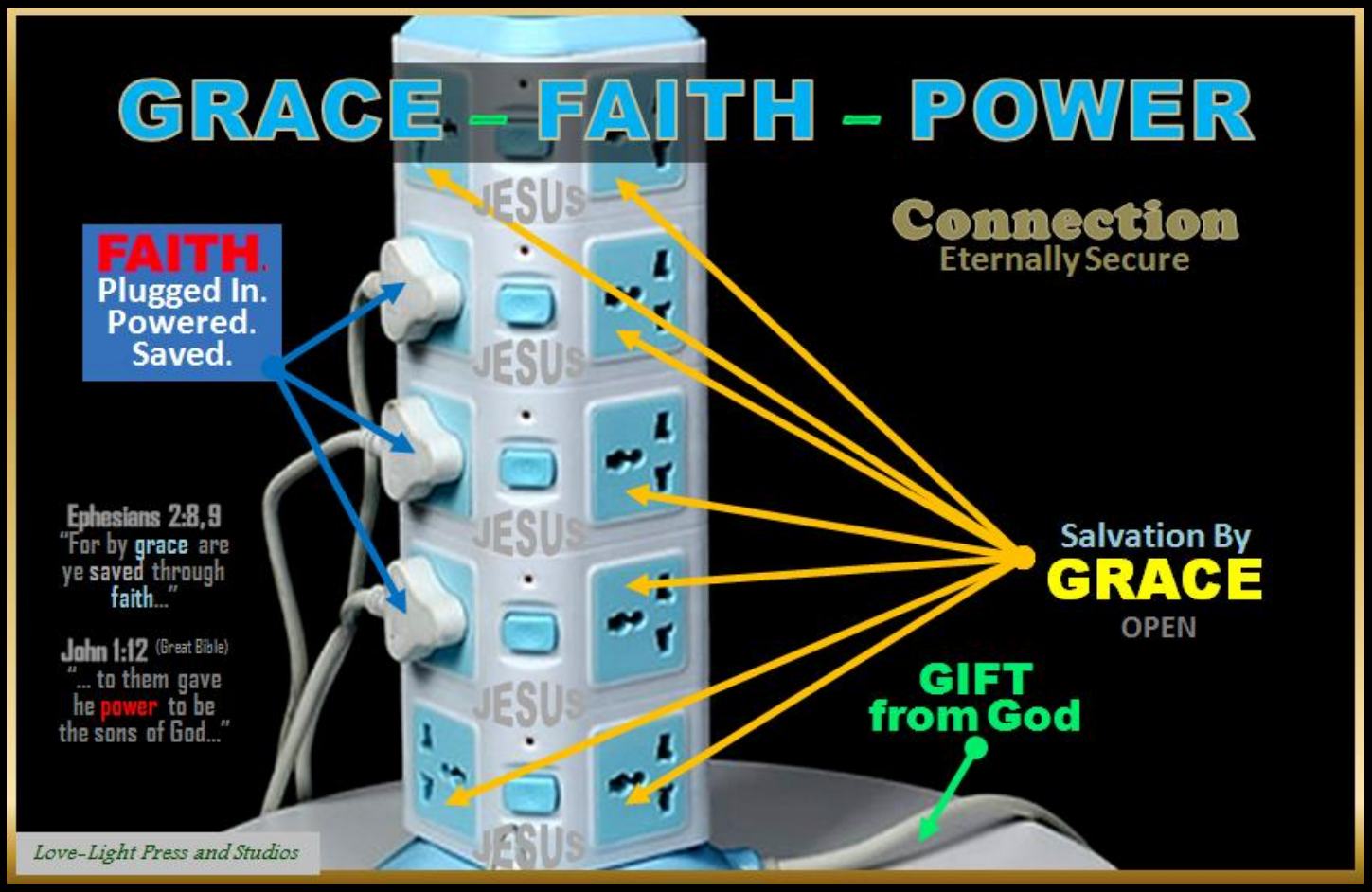
must be earned by mandatory works. They debate what is considered a requirement. Some even argue whether or not souls are pre-saved (or pre-damned) before birth. Any devaluing or outright rejection of these 2 verses leave many feeling as if they never have any choice or as if they never have any assurance concerning salvation.

Look at Ephesians 2:8, 9 in relation to *John 1:12
[*But as many as received him, to them gave he **power** to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:]

*Note:
You won't find the word "power" from this verse in many modern versions. Some use "right", but it's not the same as "power". Here's a quick example: You have many rights, but without proper legal representation, particularly a good attorney, your rights mean nothing.

A good attorney makes sure you can exercise your rights and gives you the needed power to win your case.

View the illustration below to see the **Grace – Faith – Power CONNECTION**:



The 3 connected power chords (blue arrows) represent True Believers who have acted in faith. They are connected to him who gives spiritual power—

“POWER to be the sons of God”
(Great Bible, 1540).

Openings are for others to connect (yellow arrows). Those may also receive salvation by GRACE through faith in the Savior. The UNIVERSAL Power Tower (for all nations) is available but is neither forced nor automatic.

The gift from God may be received only by individuals willingly connecting chords (souls) through faith.

Plugged in; Powered; Eternally Charged
–OR–
instead, Unplugged; Unpowered; Eternally Dead. It is a choice.